IN BEHALF OF GAS USERS

The District Inspector Recommends Better Rebate Rates.

Statistics on Faulty Meters Contained in His Annual Report to the Commissioners - Favorable Comparisons of the Local Companies and Those of Other Cities.

The operations of the office of the District Inspector of Ges and Meters during the fiscal year ended June 30 last are fully detailed in a report submitted to the District Commissioners this afternoon by S. Calvert Ford, who is in charge of the office. The statement is lengthy, and in addition to giving statistics regarding the quality of gas furnished by the local illuminating companies, and the probable expenses of the office during the next fiscal year, makes a

Reference is made to the complaints which consumers frequently make regarding the small reductions which the local panies allow when the Inspector of Gas and Meters learns and reports that their meters are registering too fast.

Inspector Ford informs the Commission ers that it is the custom of local companies to allow a reduction on current bills only and according to the percentage of error found by the inspector. He asserts that in Baltimore and New York a much more liberal allowance is made by the gas companies and states that he has been in formed by the General Superintendent of Lamps and Inspector of Meters in Baltimore that, when meters are removed in that city on complaints made by consum-ers of gas and found to register too fast, the consumer has the right to demand that the gas company make a reduction from the bills of the preceding four months to the amount of the percentage that his meter is registering against him. He was also informed by the Secretary of the Con-solidated Gas Commay, of New York that where meters register too fast it has been the custom of his company to allow the consumer a relate for the full amount inconsumer a relate for the full amount in-dicated by the test certificate of the meter inspector for one-half of the time that the meter was in use, provided the consumer's account covered the period in question.

In view of the vast differences brought out through these comparisons, inspector Ford recommends that the Washington and Georgetown Gaslight Companies be requested to make a more liberal allowance than is at present allowed for fast-regis-tering meters. This recommendation is of vital interest to gas consumers within the District, and is one of the features of the entire report.

Some interesting statements are made in

the report relative to the quality of gas furnished in Washington and Georgetown. The average value of five cubic feet of Weshington gas consumed per hour was equal to 26.36 candles, while the average of the gas manufactured by the Georgetown Company is recorded as 27.68 candles. Inspector Ford says this showing is excellent and cannot be surpassed by any gas com-pany in the country, with the single ex-ception of two or three in New York, which

manufacture oil gas.

Eight hundred and ninety-four photometric inspections were made in Washington and 295 in Georgetown during the year. The local inspection is asserted to be the most thorough in the country. Last year, by way of comparison, it is stated that only fifty-two inspections were made in the en-tire city of Boston, or only one each week, while inspections are made here daily at

four different laboratories.

During the year the office proved and inspected 2,988 gas maters. Those found to register fast numbered 169, with an average error of 4.72 per cent, and 524 regissge error of 4.72 per cent, and 524 regis-tered slow, with an average error of 11.35 per cent. The number of maters removed from service on complaint was 1.198. Pour hundred and twenty-four were complained of by consumers who believed that they registered incorrectly.

The fees received for inspection of me-

ters and turned over to the Collector of Taxes amounted to \$1,646. The mean aver-age illuminating power determined at la-boratories equaled 26.26 standard candles; the maximum average equaled 20.15 stand-ard candles, and the minimum equaled

The illuminating power of local gas was at no time found to be lower than twenty-five candles. The impurity known as sulphurated hydrogen was found on fifty-one occasions. This is a decrease over 1898, but Inspector Ford maintains that the impurity should be entirely eliminated from sas. The average illuminating now. the impurity should be entirely eliminated from gas. The average illuminating power of gas furnished by the Georgetown Gaslight Company was 2-100 of one candle The report recommends in conclusion that the salary of the assistant inspector be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per an num; that the bours during which the of-fice of inspector is kept open, namely from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m., be reduced to con-form with the hours in force in other District departments; that another assistant inspector be appointed with compensation of \$720 per annum, and that the salary of

er attnum.

Appended to the report is the following estimate of appropriations required for the support of the office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1301. Sa ary of the Inspector, \$2,600; ralary of the Assistant Inspector, \$1,000; estimated increase in salary of latter, \$200; salary of the mes-senger, \$480; estimated increase in salary of messenger, \$120; estimate of salary for additional assistant, \$720, making a total estimate of \$4,526.

A WIDOW SUES FOR DOWER. Mrs. Mangan Wants a Portion of Her

Mary P. V. Mangan, widow of Mauric Mangan, who died November 5 last, today filed suit against her children, asking the court to separate and set apart her dower out of the estate of her deceased husband.

Mrs. Mangan states that according to the terms of her husband's will, dated Novem-ber 1, and filed for probate November 18 vision was made for her dower. The es-tale, she mays, consists of two houses, Nos, 285 and 204 G Street southwest, valued at \$2,700. She asks that a guardien be ap-pointed for the minor children, and that the real property be sold and a proper division made of the proceeds.

int is represented by At-

An Ecl Story From Nantucket.

Nantucket, July 27.-Three fishermen yesterday battled for fifteen minutes with a gigantic cel which they thought was a sen serpent. They finally killed it and brought it in in their dary. It is a new one to Nantucket people, being six feet two inches in length, and black. It is said to abound in the Mediterranean and glong



BLOOD full of vitality. comes from the

Bitters. It cures Dyspepsia, indigestion and . "Hechts' Greater Stores."

The values are wide open now!

-and the greatest pressure possible to give has been given to this movement of the surplus stocks before the first of the coming month. There are but four days left, and we shall have to do eight days of ordinary selling. Can we do it? We can do anything with your help, but we do not expect your help unless it is to your advantage. It IS to your advantage—to buy here. And the statement that the values are extraordinary is too weak. Purchases "charged" and terms of payment made to suit the buyer. Privilege is offered everybody.

8 to 9.

Boys' knee pants, of galatea cloth, of many patterns, 6 1-2c instead of 15c.

93 pairs ladies' tan oxfords, nearly all sizes, reduced from 98c to 59c.

Lot of children's spring heel button and lace aboes, both tan and black-mostly hand sewed-sizes 4 to 8, re-duced from \$1 to 49c.

9 to 10.

Ladies' linen crash skirts, made with deep hem, full in width, good-fitting skirts, 19c instead of 49c.

Boys' knee pants of all-wool mater-ials, in sizes 4 to 8; a lot which sold for 50c; balance of them to go for 15c.

and ecru; it is our 12 1-2c quality, but it is slightly soiled, therefore what there is of it will be sold for 1 7-8c yd.

Sheer fine quality white India linon, in lengths of from 1 to 6 yards, which sold for us as high as 19c yard, for 3.7-8c yard.

Lot of men's tennis extords, in sizes 5 to 3, which we sold for 59c; these few pairs, being last of the lot to go for 29c.

Lot of ladies' strap sandals, of ex-cellent quality of kid, mostly all sizes, sold for \$1, reduced to 59c. Waterproof felt window shades,

all colors, complete with fixtures, for 67-8c each. 36-inch wide cream curtain scrim, in handsome patterns, for 17-8c yard.

Men's all-linen collars, in all styles—same as you pay 15c for, for this hour 31-2c.

Men's non-elastic suspenders, for this

Ladies' white hemstitched handkerchiefs, instead of 10c, for 17-8

10c bottles ammonia, 11-2c bottle.

Children's fast black full seamless hose, in all sizes, instead of 10c, for

Jewel metal belts, which sold from 50c to \$1.25, for 15c.

10 to 11.

Imported artificial flowers, in a splendid assortment, beautiful and natural, which sold for \$1.25 to \$1.98, for 19c.

Ladies' white "Jumbo" straw sailors, with plain and polka dot bands, which sold for as high as \$1.25, for 49c.

Little girls' percale and lawn dresses,

10 to 11.

CONTINUED.

Ladies' muslin chemise, well-made garments, which sold for 39c, will be sold this hour for 19c.

Ladies' Percale Wrappers, made with separate waist lining, full width skirts, trimmed with wide ruffles and braid, which sold for 98c to \$1.50, for this

Lot of Boys' "Mother's Friend," White Percale Shirtwaists, the balance of the season's stock, sighty solied from showing; all have the famous detachable bands, which makes this shirtwaist the best on the market, sold for \$1, these go for 25c.

Just three odd Ladles' White India Linon Dresses, which sold for \$10; they are handsomely trimmed with embroidery inserting and tucks and

All that are left of the Ladies' Corded Taffeta Silk Waists, in about all sizes, the most stylish waists of the season, in good variety, which so d for \$6, for \$2.98.

Ladies' Blue Fiannel Bathing Suits, trimmed with white braid, and well made, which sold up to \$5, for \$2.49.

Choice of all the high-price C.ash and Linen Washuble Ekirts, in the house which sold up to \$5, for 99 cents tomorrow this hour; all are highest grade garments and 99c would pay for THE PERSON LAND

sizes 11 to 1, which we sold for \$1.25,

Lot of little boys' spring heal shoes, in tan and black, in sizes 9 to 13, which sold for 28c, to go far 60c.

50 screen doors, of hardwood or walnut stained, complete with patent spring hinges, to go this hour for 59c.

Yard-wide dotted and figured white Swiss for curtains, which sold for 12 1-2c, this hour for 6 7-8c.

Double-bed size white spreads, in handsome patterns, for 43c. Men's fast black full seamless half hose, in all sizes, 12 1-2c sort, for 5 1-2c

Lot of grass linen embroidery, no matter what it sold for, to go for 4 1-2c.

Goodyear rubber dress shields, in-stead of 10c, for 3 1-2c.

with neck and armholes run with tape, for 3 1-2c, instead of 15c.

ties and band bows, which sold for 15c,

Decorated toilet bottles, which were

All-leather purses, in all colors and styles, which were 25c, for 5c,

11 to 12.

Tableful of ladies' handsome trim-med hats beautiful creations which sold up to \$4 and \$5, will be reduced to 49c. This may sound ridiculous and it is, but it is a fact. Not many of them—but what there are, are hand-some and worth their original prices.

Ladies' gray felt "Rough Rider" hats, trimmed with pleated white silk and plain while silk bands and rosette and quill, for this hour \$1.29.

Lot of artificial flowers which sold for as high as 98c and no lower than the to go for 5c bunch. All on a big

Lot of French chip hats, in black only, which sold for \$1.25, to go now

Lot of ladies' white jumbo straw, "Rough Rider" hats, with natural quill and mull bands, for 28c. Ladies' muslin skirts, trimmed with

three rows of tucks, and good width, for 49c instead of 69c. About 50 ladies' summer net corsets—the balance of our stock sold for as high as 69c, to go for 19c.

Lot of ladies' linen crash underskirts,

Lot of boys' galatea cloth washable suits, for 19c which sold for as high as

Lot of Boys' Blue Flannel Sellor Blouse Suits, trimmed with white braid, in sizes 3 to 5, for 25c; originally

Lot of Ladies' All-wool Suits-all thoroughly tailor-made garments and all this season styles, embracing cas-simeres, cheviot serge and other ma-terials; all with silk-linen jackets and some of them elaborately braided; for as high as \$25, choice for \$6.58.

Ladies' Blue and Black Cheviot Serge Skirts, the most serviceable skirts tossible to buy for outing wear, which sold for \$4.98, to go for \$2.98.

Lot of Ladies' White Duck Skirts, trimmed with three rows of blue duck in overskirt effect; also lot of white duck skirts, trimmed with braid in several different effects, for 49c.

Short lengths of White Pique, which sold for 31c yard; slightly soiled, hence will go for 8 3-4 a yard tomorrow this hour.

Small lot of Figured Lawns, which sold up to 12 1-2c yard, to go for 3 7-8c

Ladies' Satin Stock Collars, in all colors, which sold for 12 1-2c, for Sc. Every pair of our Men's \$1.50 Satin Caif Shoes, will be closed out this hour for 58c.

Every pair of our m=n's \$1.50 and \$2 bicycle shoes, in tan and black, will be offered this hour for 98c.

Men's percale shirts, with or without collars, for 29c.

11 to 12.

200 yards of silkolines, in odd lengths—yard wide and splendid assortment of patterns, instead of 12 1-2c for 4 7-8c.

Best quality Yale Holland window shades, in all colors, with fixtures com-plete, for 19 7-8c.

White spachtel bureau scarfs and shams to match, in handsome patterns, instead of 30c, for 12 1-2c.

Men's balbriggan shirts and drawers, in plain and colors, which sold for 25c and 35c garment, to go for 15c garment. Large lot of embroidery and insert-ings, which sold for 8c and 10c, to go for 2 7-8c yard.

All-silk taffeta ribbons, in all colors, which sold for 19c yard, to go for 11 1-2c yard.

Oakley's perfumed soaps, big assort-ment, worth up to 19c, for 5c cake. Ladies' fast black full seamless hose, instead of 10c, for 5 1-2c.

1 to 2.

Best quality 7-quarter mosquito net-ting, in pink or red, in 8-yard pieces, for 19c.

Best quality stair or runner oil-cloth for 4 7-8c yard.

Extra heavy unbleached Turkish towels, good size, sold for 8 3-4c, for this hour 4 7-8c. Double bed sheets, hemstitched and hand torn and hand ironed, 81 by 90 inches is size, instead of 69c for 49c.

2 to 3.

Ladies' cambric corset covers, trim-med with deep embroidery; V or square neck; instead of 25c, for 8 1-2c. Lot of boys' fine galatea cloth suits,

with plain collars and cuffs, with an-chors embroidered on shield, for 25c, which sold for 59c and more. Choice this hour of any of the children's handsome straw sallors, no mat-ter how much it sold for—plain white and mixed straw—with bands of all colors—some sold for \$1.50—for 25c.

Lot of ladies' white pique skirts, trimmed with two rows of embroidery inserting and some with blue duck, for

Bleached and unbleached muslin, full yard wide and in good lengths, for an hour 3 7-8c yard.

Mennen's talcum powder, instead of 25c box for 14c. Mantel or plano lambrequins, of pret-

ty art drapery, fringed all around, for Heavy oilcloth or linoleum mats for

suits, etc. When we cut the crash suits down to \$2.29 and \$1.65 we did what was never before done in this city, and now look what we

Another slash at crash

All up to \$3.50 go for \$1.25. All up to \$7.50 go for \$1.98.

But this is the last cut—depend on that. They cannot be less. The loss now is enormous, for these, you know, are not the cheap, poorly made suits so easy to buy.

Men's \$1.25 crash pants, 39c.

100 (and all) men's office coats, 15c.

Men's odd crash coats for 49c.

Odd crash vests, 10c.

Men's \$12 and \$15 suits, \$4.90

—all-wool cassimeres, in handsome patterns. The greatest values in men's all-wool suits ever offered by a retail clothing house. Men's fancy crash hats, 17c.

All colored shirt waists in 2 lots.

Help yourselves! They are spread out on immense tables, and as fast as you take them we add more from the boxes piled around. We have divided the entire stock of colored shirt waists in two lots and reduced them to a remarkable lowness.

49 cents

for all colored waists which for all colored waists which sold up to \$1.50.

79 cents sold up to \$3.50.

\$1.98 white India linon waists. 79c.

Nobody has cut India linon waists as we have. These, for instance, sold for \$1.98, and you know when we were selling them at \$1.98 others were getting \$2.50 and more for them. When we cut them to 79c we offer you a great bargain.

3 to 4.

Clark's "O. N. T." spool cotton, 2 1-2c.

Choice of any of the finest trimmed hats, no matter what they sold for, will be given you tomorrow, this hour for \$1.58.

Lot of little girls' hats with straw crowns and mull brims, for this hour 5c, or as long as they last. Ladies' muslin drawers, with three rows of tucks, and with all seams fell-ed, for 91-2c instead of 15c.

Ladics' muslin gowns, with embroid-ery ruffle, for 29c which sold for almost

A few little girls' duck sailor blouse dresses; trimmed with blue polka dot duck and some with most expensive Hamburg inserting and edging and braid; they are the highest grade gar-ments made of this sort, and sold for as much as \$8, choice of them for \$1.98.

3 to 4.

CONTINUED.

Little boys' Merrimac percale shirt waists, in splendid patterns, for 9c in-stead of 19c.

Little Boys' Blue Denim "Brownie" Overalis, with suspender straps and made of heavy quality blue denim, for

Choice lot of finest White Pique Skirts, trimmed claborately with em-broidery inserting, sold up to \$5 and \$7, for \$1.38. Plain Black and White Sheer India

Linon, full pieces, to be said this hour for 12 1-2c. Extra heavy Woven Hammocks, with

steel sprender and pillow attached, fringed all around, for 98c. Ten copies of Sheet Music, embracing a great many of the most popular productions, for 19c this hour.

HECHT AND COMPANY.

513-515 Seventh Street.

ARGENTINA'S NEW TARIFF

Minister Buchanan Reports to the

State Department.

Sutional Needs Compel the Continu ation of the Special Customs Tax. Ten Per Cent Additional Duty Recommended by the Executive Power-Schedule Likely to Be Adopted.

William L. Buchanan, American Minister

at Buenos Ayres, writes to the State Department as follows about the proposed Aregentine tariff: Knowing the interest taken by our man ufacturers in the subject of the customs tariff here and in other countries, I hasten to say that the Argentine executive has just ransmitted to Congress the budget law for The Equipment of the Line May Be next year. This law includes the customs tariff project proposed by the executive

inclined to the belief that the recommendations will be adopted. In referring to the message accompanytoms duties, and especially to the additional customs duty of 10 per cent now in

one-half months. During his stay in this force, the executive power says:

"This special tax was established in moments of supreme expectancy in the name of high and sacred considerations of national security and with the purpose of Mr. Kashannikoff said that so nor cast.

"Mr. Kashannikoff said that so nor cast." applying the product therefrom toward satisfying the extraordinary requirements of the nation at that moment. The public powers obligated themselves as well to suspend the tax by decree as quickly as the then existing state of things disappeared or became modified.

"These considerations, fortunately, do not now exist, but I find myself obliged to propose the continuation of the financial rden which this additional duty in pose, upon the country, seeing that, al-though no reason of national security argues its imposition, there is still to be canceled a debt of importance, previously contracted, the object of which is well known. Notwithstanding, in order to make this additional duty less onerous, I have sought to distribute the sums which it represents among the principal schedules of tariff law, seeking to lighten those that are found most heavily burdened and to burden those that are less; and, after a comprehensive study. I believe that the method contained in the proposed customs law reporting, as far as possible, the in-

In second with the views thus expressed, the executive power recommends that
the 10 per cent additional duty spoken of
be merged for 1900 into the regular duty
in the following manner: Where the present ad valorem duty is 25 per cent, it is to
be raised to 35 per cent; where it is now
50 per cent it is to be raised to 60 per cent;
where it is now 40 and 45 per cent, both
are to be raised to 50 per cent; where it is
now 15 and 20 per cent, both are to be
raised to 25 per cent; where it is now 10 now 15 and 20 per cent, both are to be raised to 25 per cent; where it is now 10 per cent it is to be raised to 20 per cent; and where it is now 21-2 and 4 per cent, both are to be raised to 5 per cent.

"Specific duties are to be proportionately raised, but it is impossible from the message to state just how or to what degree. On this point the executive power says: With regard to specific duties the increases fixed in the project are based on

an average taken from the values fixed in the law in force. A ROUNDABOUT JOURNEY

the press here to abolish the export duties now in force upon agricultural products the message says: 'Compelled from the same considerations (referring to the per cent) I see myself, says the the mir ister of Hacienda, obliged, in opposition to that strong personal desire, to sustain the duty established upon the exportation of cattle and sheep products. I should have liked to propose the repeal of that duty. which falls on the gross production of the principal industry of the country, placing it at a disadvantageous position to compete with like articles in the consuming markets abroad, but the necessity of the payment of the debt contracted to pre pare for the national security, as well as the duty of constructions of works called for by imperative considerations of hygiene

duty will continue to figure in the revent which makes up the national treasury." CHINESE EASTERN RAILROAD.

Bought in America. New York, July 27.-The Russian chief power for 1990. Although this may be engineer of the mechanical department of modified in some manner by Congress, I am the Chinese Eastern, Railroad, V. A. Kashevnikoff, who has been in the United States for several months, left here yesterday for Harbin in Manchuris, where the are. He will reach there in about two and one-half months. During his stay in this flows through the northeastern part of

Mr. Kashevníkoff said that 80 per cent of the entire equipment of the road would purchased in this country, or that \$10,-0,000 out of the \$12,000,000 appropriated

would be spent here, but only on the condition of hagte.

In an interview which appears this morning in the New York "Commercial," Mr. Kashevnikoff says: "All of this (the purchase of the equipment), however, is country being a little less exacting as to country being a little less exacting as to prices, which are at present in many insistances higher than those of the English and the Germans. There is also the drawcountry being a littile less exacting as to prices, which are at present in many instances higher than those of the English and the Germans. There is also the drawback of retarded delivery to be taken into consideration, as I find the increase of prices does not of necessity mean prompt delivery. It would be well to remember that the English and Germans are at this moment making considerable headway by moment making considerable headway by reason of prompt delivery and if American manufacturers do not take stress to be more reasonable as to prices and delivery the orders may go elsewhere."

A Prencher Sues His Deacon Versailles, Ky., July 27 .- A suit was filed here yesterday by the Rev. R. T. Bowman, former pastor of the Baptist church, agains Thomas Seller, Vice President of the Harris-Seller Bank, for \$40,000 damages. Bowman charges Seller with saying that Bowman was drunk in his pupit. Seller is a deacon in the Baptist church and an uncle

Resmelting Copper Coins. New York, July 27 .- The Oxford Copper New York, July 27.—The Oxford Copper Independence, Kan., July 27.—The Gir's ago the "Daily Bemocrat" of this city has received an in- Clubs of several southern Kansas towns placed at the head of its editorial columns teresting consignment from India in the ahipment of 9,999 bags, or 250 tons, of copper coins, which arrived by the steamship Cevic on Tuesday. The coins were imported as capper scrap, and will be melted up for the copper that is in them. There was a profit in coining for the Oriental countries when copper ruled at 10 cents a pound.

The coins were imported as capper scrap, and will be melted up for the copper that is in them. There was a profit in coining for the Oriental countries when copper ruled at 10 cents a pound. shipment of 9,999 bags, or 250 tons, of cop-

a Rich Rubber Planter.

Wishing to Go From Iquitos to

Truxillo, Peru, a Distance of Four

Hundred Miles, He Sails to Para

Thence to New York, and Will

Now Cross the Isthmas of Panama about way to go from one Peruvian town to another by way of New York, but such and general progress, prevent me at pres-ent from realizing his wish. The export a journey is now being essayed by a party by the steamship Maranhense. Although the town of Truxillo is only about 400 miles from Iquitos, the interior point from which they took their departure six weeks

destination more comfortably, if not more quickly, by the 9,000-mile journey which they are now undertaking. The family consists of Senor Moises Vas quez Ponce, his wife, and their four children-Carlos, Maniula, Julio, and Emma ing the budget law on the question of cus- temporary machine shops of the rullway Senor Ponce owns a large rubber plantation on the Ucayala River, a stream which

ago, they believe they can reach their

Peru and empties into the Amazon. Truxillo, a seaport of Peru, is about 40 near which the plantation is located. But the route to the coast lies over a mountain range, and, not wishing to essay the hardships of a horseback journey mountain trails and through a district that

At the Hotel America, where they ar At the Hotel America, where they are now stopping pending the sailing of the steamship which is to take them to Colon, the family attracted much curlosity yesterday, more through the presence of its retinue of Indian servants than by reason of the strange journey. The servants are barefooted and brown, and were sun worshipers before they were sold into service to the Ponce family.

third, Roldan Ruiz, is a seven-year-old losy.

In speaking of them yesterday, Senora Ponce said that they were unkempt little savages when they were first taken into service. By degrees they were tamed into docility, and are now obedient and faithful. They will serve the family until they are twenty-one years old, when they will regain their freedom.

vice to the Ponce family.

Two of them are ten-year-old girls, Estrelvina Herrara and Mercedes Ruiz. A

have resolved never to marry a young

NEW YORK'S CANAL SCANDAL. Comptroller Morgan Disallows the

Claim of a Contractor. Albany, N. Y., July 27.—Predictions that

Comptroller Morgan has begun an inves-

ligation of the contracts under which work

ielay.

Co. He declares the contract illegal, and the lives of Mrs. Bell and her little ones. asserts that the firm is indebted to the The Bells occupy the first flat at the State \$44,988 on the work. There are a large number of other contracts under examination, and, while some of them may be found legitimate, it is believed by the comptroller that many of the balances claimed will be refused for reasons similar to those which prevailed in the case cited. That the result will be protracted made ill.

itigation is expected, and the probing of

was brought about by a request from Su-perintendent Partridge, of the Public Works Department, for information as to whether there were funds on hand to pay whether there were indeed in man to be a the balances demanded by contractors as due on completed work under seven contracts on the Middle Division and four on the Eastern Division. The total of the claims is \$252,914, and Colonel Partridge asked the Comptroller if he had knowledge

Comptroller Morgan's reply will fall like a thunderbolt among the waiting contrac-tors. He says that he examined Contract No. 1 on the Middle Division, owned by T. J. Dwyer & Co., whose proposal for the work was \$125,520, and whose final estinted to \$301,155. He finds that David I. Snell, one of the firm, was also an employe of the Public Works Department when the contract was let, and that this fact of itself under the Canal law rendered

f any facts that would cause him to refuse

the contract void.

The work done cost the State about 240 per cent in excess of the amount bid on which the contract was awarded. This was due largely to an "arrangement" made between the engineers and contractors in reference to the disposition of excavated material, which cost the State \$50,68S, and which Comptroller Morgan declares was illegal. It increased the embankment charged from 1,000 yards to 8,540 yards. Another "arrangement" increased th Another "arrangement" increased the vertical wall charges from 4,000 yards to 9,827 yards. There were other in and the comptroller figures the total of illegal charges at \$84,045 on the contract. After quoting the canal investigating commission and the findings of former Countryman, Comptroller Morgan sa :

They have been allowed illegally and contrary to the provisions of law for items algregating \$84,045, making an adverse valunce against them of \$44,988. If these

are created according to the pr Harrison's Name Comes Down the names of William J. Bryan and Carte:

contractors have any equities due

under this contract they must seek re. of elsewhere than from the comptroller, who can only pay claims against the State which

POISON IN THE MILK. A Mother and Two Children Stricken

in Brooklyn. New York, July 27.-Mrs. Dora Bell, Albany, N. Y., July 27.—Predictions that the canal scandal could not be smoothed over by a report of "not proven" from the special attorneys are coming true without three and a half years old, and Wilfred, APRIL, 1892, the original having been dethe canal scandal could not be smoothed twenty-eight years old, of 298 Tenth Street, sixteen months old, were taken violently ill after drinking milk yesterday afternoon. Dr. Millington said the symptoms has been reported as completed, and at the presented were those of arsenical poison. very outset he refuses to pay the balance The family and the police are in the dark of \$39,057 claimed by by T. J. Dwyer & as to whom to suspect of an attempt on

> Tenth Street address. William Bell, the husband, is a machinist, employed in Manhattan. He was at work when his wife and children became ill. Employed in the family as a servant is

Dora Franklyn purchased the milk at a

the various contracts is more than likely to lay bare many an "arrangement" under which the nine-million-dollar appropriation little ones, having drunk freely of the milk, was wasted and the State lost large sums.

This new outbreak of the canal scandal unconscious. Screaming with fright, Dora Franklyn dragged him from his office to the home of the Bells. ran to summon Dr. Millington. She almost

After an emetic had been given her, Mrs. Bell speedly recovered. She soon was in a condition to aid in the restoration of her children, the baby also having become un-conscious. Both children were blue at the lips, and Dr. Millington summoned a neigh-boring physician. The second doctor, with Mrs. Bell, worked over the baby boy. Dr. Millington devoting all his attention to Dorothy. The boy was pronounced out of danger in less than two hours.

It was not until after three hours of dili-gent and heroic treatment that Dorothy be-gan to show signs of life. Finally restored to consciousness, she required medical at tendance until nearly midnight. On leav-ing the house Dr. Millington said there wa communicated with Capt. David Lawson, of the Fifth Avenue police station. Detectives Dolan and Jepson went to the house and obtained a sample of the milk for anal-

last night. "I know of no per should wish to harm me or mine not keep poisons of any kind in the house.

If the physician's diagnosts be correct, it may have been that the poison got accidentally into the milk. I can take no other dentally into the miss. I can take no other view of the matter." The police share this view of the case.
"I am positive the case is one of arsenical poisoning." said Dr. Millington. "That Mrs. Bell and her little ones survived is

That Dora Franklyn did not drink of th milk, Mrs, Bell said, was not surprising, as she does not like milk as a beverage. The Penson. (From the Boston Transcript.) Prison Visitor—Tell me, my poor man, how ame you in such a place as this? Inmate—well, marm, I suspects it was all long o' the copper bein' a sprinter.

DIED. SEIBOLD—On Tuesday, July 25, 4820, at 5:15 m., MRS. JUSTINE WILHELMINE SEIBOLD nee Gase), beloved wife of Benno Scibold, in (nee Gase), heleved wife of Benno Schhold, in her thirty-third year.

Funeral from her late residence, 421 Tenth Street northwest, on Thurnday, July 27, 1829, at 3 o'clock Interment private.

CLAGETT—On Tuesday, July 25, 1899, at his residence, 2015 G Street porthwest, at 10:20 p. m., DORSEY CLAGETT, youngest, son of the late Durius and Providence Dorsey Clagett, in the fifty-sixth year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence at 3 p. m. on Friday, July 25, 1899, Interment at that Hill. Kindly omit flowers.

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